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1. AN ARTICLE IN THE MARCH 17 TRYBUNA LUDU REPORTS THE  
USSR HAS SHIPPED 2,250,000 TONS OF IRON ORE TO POLAND  
SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. THE AORE HAS BEEN TRANS-  
SHIPPED FROM SOVIET TO POLISH RAILWAY CARS AT THE ZURAWICA-  
MEDYKA FRONTIER POINT JUST EAST OF THE CITY OF PRZEMYSL  
IN SOUTEASTERN POLAND.

2. SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS, OR ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE  
TOTAL SHIPPED, CONSISTING OF "THE HIGHEST QUALITY, RED,  
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MAGNETIC ORE," HAVE BEEN SENT DIRECTLY TO THE HUTA KATOWICE  
STEEL COMBINE NOW BEING BUILT IN SILESIA WITH SOVIET  
ASSISTANCE.

3. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM THE STATISTIC ON SOVIET EXPORTS,  
THIS ARTICLE IS INTERESTING AS ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE  
CLOSE INVOLVEMENT THE USSR WILL HAVE WITH KATOWICE, WHICH

WILL BE THE LARGEST STEEL MILL IN POLAND (ANNUAL OUTPUT ABOUT NINE MILLION TONS) WHEN COMPLETED ABOUT 1982. IN ADDITION TO STRESSING THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT AND THE HIGH QUALITY OF ORE ALLOCATED FOR KATOWICE, THE ARTICLE USES THE WORD TRANSSHIPPED (PRZELADOWANO) SEVERAL TIMES, THEREBY UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEW BROAD-GUAGE RAILWAY BEING BUILT FROM THE SOVIET BORDER TO KATOWICE WHICH WILL MAKE DIRECT DELIVERIES POSSIBLE.

4. ALTHOUGH 1977 FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THE POLISH STATISTICAL YEARBOOK FOR 1977 LISTS IRON ORE IMPORTS FROM THE USSR AS 11.0 MILLION TONS IN 1975 AND 11.8 MILLION TONS IN 1976. IF THE MONTHLY EXPORT LEVEL INDICATED IN THE TRYBUNA LUDU ARTICLE IS MAINTAINED, 1978 IMPORTS COULD BE BETWEEN 12 AND 13 MILLION TONS. END COMMENT.

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